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To: DHFS Area Administrators/Human Services Area Coordinators

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From: Ken Thyberg, Chief

Special Services and Financial Statements Section

Bureau of Fiscal Services

Re: Incorporated Group Home and Residential Care Center CY 2006 Rates

Attached are two schedules listing Incorporated Group Homes and Residential Care Facilities (RCC) rates for Calendar year 2006. The schedules are compiled from information received from providers who have responded to the request sent to them in October 2005. These schedules are updated monthly on the 25<sup>th</sup>, or the workday closest to this date, and are available at the following address on the DHFS website: <a href="http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/bfs/RCC-GH/index.htm">http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/bfs/RCC-GH/index.htm</a>.

Pursuant to Chapter 46.037 (1) of the Wisconsin Statutes, Incorporated Group Homes and Residential Care Centers shall establish a per client rate for its services and shall charge all purchasers the same rate. Subsection 46.037 (1m) provides for the department, a county department or a group of county departments, or the department and a combination of one or more of those county departments, to negotiate a per client rate when they agree to place 75% or more of the residents in a facility; however, where a rate has been negotiated, all purchasers shall be charged the same rate.

Where the attached schedules do not show a rate, the Group Home or RCC licensee or its director should follow the instructions in the October 20<sup>th</sup> 2005, request letter to report their rate to the department (see copy attached). County departments are urged to refrain from purchasing services from facilities without an established rate, as the state will be unable to claim the federal funding for eligible clients in these facilities.

Group Homes and RCCs are asked to report any errors in the attached schedules to Thomas A. Smith at (608) 266-2558 or <a href="mailto:smithta@dhfs.state.wi.us">smithta@dhfs.state.wi.us</a>, or they may write to him at: Bureau of Fiscal Services (SSFS), P O Box 7850, Madison, WI 53707-7850.

Attachments: 2006 Residential Care Center Rates

2006 Incorporated Group Home Rates

2006 Request for RCC and Group Home Rates